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Mr. William J. Powell, Jr.

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Dear Mr. Powell:

Thank you for the kind sentiments expressed in your recent letter.

I regret that we are unable to respond to your request. Any information of the kind in which you are interested would be most highly classified.

Your interest in this Agency is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Joseph C. Goodwin
Assistant to the Director

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Dear Mr. Powell:

Thank you for wishing me and this Agency success in our mission. It is always gratifying to hear such sentiments from citizens of this nation.

While your letter clearly indicates your interest in the field of rocketry, I am unable to forward any information concerning ABM sites around the city of Moscow inasmuch as this information is classified in nature.

Sincerely,

Richard Helms
Director

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Mr. Richard Helms
 Director
 Central Intelligence Agency
 Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Helms:

I am president of the Orange Rocket Society of Orange, N.J. The Society was very active from 1960 to 1965, and launched about twenty solid propellant single and multi-stage rockets successfully under Second U.S. Army supervision at Camp Pickett, Virginia. And a solid propellant single stage rocket which reached an altitude of 41,000 feet, a record for the East coast at that Army base. Our last project called Heat wave was to design, build, and launch a nine foot infra-red guided missile, and fire it at a target rocket with a propellant with a long burning time to allow the intercepting missile's guidance system to lock-on to the target missile's exhaust.

I am presently a member of the American Ordnance Association and served on the New Jersey State Safety Advisory Committee on Amateur Rocketry. I am a former employee of Picatinny Arsenal, Dover, New Jersey. However I am presently studying a course in engineering and hope to return to Picatinny Arsenal next year.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you continued luck and success in your vital and most important mission involving your work in international intelligence which is so vital to our Country's security.

I would appreciate it very much if you would please send me any unclassified technical information and photographs concerning the sixty seven ABM sites around the city of Moscow. I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest possible convenience. Thank you for your time and help.

Yours truly,

William J. Powell, Jr.